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Claim Listing

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously presented) The license plate cover of Claim 17, wherein an inwardmost surface of the second compression rib is oriented in a plane inward relative to an inwardmost surface of the first compression rib, inward and inwardmost being defined as being in a direction toward the license plate.
3. (Currently amended) The license plate cover of Claim 17, wherein the gasket has a periphery, ~~a generally planar receiving surface facing inwardly to receive the license plate~~, and a rim raised relative to the receiving surface, an innermost portion of the raised rim disposed in a plane inward of the first and second compression ribs, wherein the raised rim is located around the periphery of the gasket to be laterally exterior of the first and second compression ribs and where inward is defined as being in a direction toward the license plate.
4. (Previously presented) The license plate cover of Claim 16, wherein the elongate compression rib is V - shaped.
5. - 6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently amended) A license plate cover, comprising:  
a frame having a periphery, an outer side, an inner side for disposal adjacent a license plate

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and an elongated channel disposed near the periphery of the frame, the channel having a bottom and sides extending inwardly from the bottom toward the license plate, a transparent central area of the frame disposed laterally inwardly of the channel for viewing the license plate from the outer side of the frame :

an elongated, injection molded elastomeric gasket disposed on the inner side near the frame periphery and injection molded within said channel on said inner side to adhere to the bottom and sides of the channel and for sealing to a periphery of the license plate; and

a plurality of holes for receiving respective fasteners to a vehicle license plate mounting bracket, the gasket being laterally adjacent to and closely laterally surrounding the holes, The license plate cover of Claim 15, wherein the frame has an outer side, the plurality of holes each including a stepped opening with a first level and a second level formed inwardly toward the license plate from the first level, each hole having a sidewall of nongasket material extending from the second level to the inner side, the gasket having a generally planar receiving surface facing inwardly toward the license plate, the hole sidewall of each hole extending inwardly to a plane containing said receiving surface of the gasket, wherein said sidewalls prevent the fasteners from overcompressing the gasket and fracturing the frame.

8. (Previously presented) The license plate cover of Claim 16, wherein the frame periphery includes a bottom disposed at ninety degrees to the inner side of the frame, the rib of the gasket being continuous around a majority of the frame periphery but leaving open at least one portion adjacent the bottom of the frame periphery.

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9. (Previously presented) The license plate cover of Claim 17, wherein the second compression rib is disposed laterally exteriorly of the first compression rib.

10 – 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A vehicle license plate cover, comprising:

a frame having a periphery, an inner side for disposal adjacent a license plate and an elongate injection molding channel on said inner side near the periphery of the frame, the channel having a bottom and sides extending inwardly from the bottom toward the license plate, at least a central area of the frame disposed laterally interiorly of the channel being transparent so as to permit the viewing of the license plate from an outward direction through the frame; and

an elastomeric, injection molded gasket disposed on the inner side near the periphery and injection molded within said channel, wherein the gasket adheres to the bottom and sides of said channel and seals to a periphery of the license plate. ~~The license plate cover of Claim 18, wherein~~ the gasket ~~has~~ having a generally planar receiving surface facing inwardly for receiving the license plate, the gasket further including at least one elongated compression rib extending inwardly toward the license plate from the receiving surface.

17. (Previously presented) The license plate cover of Claim 16, wherein said compression rib is one of first and second elongate compression ribs formed to extend inwardly toward the license plate from the receiving surface of the gasket.

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18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) The license plate cover of Claim 7, wherein the gasket includes at least one elongate compression rib which extends inwardly from said receiving surface toward the license plate.